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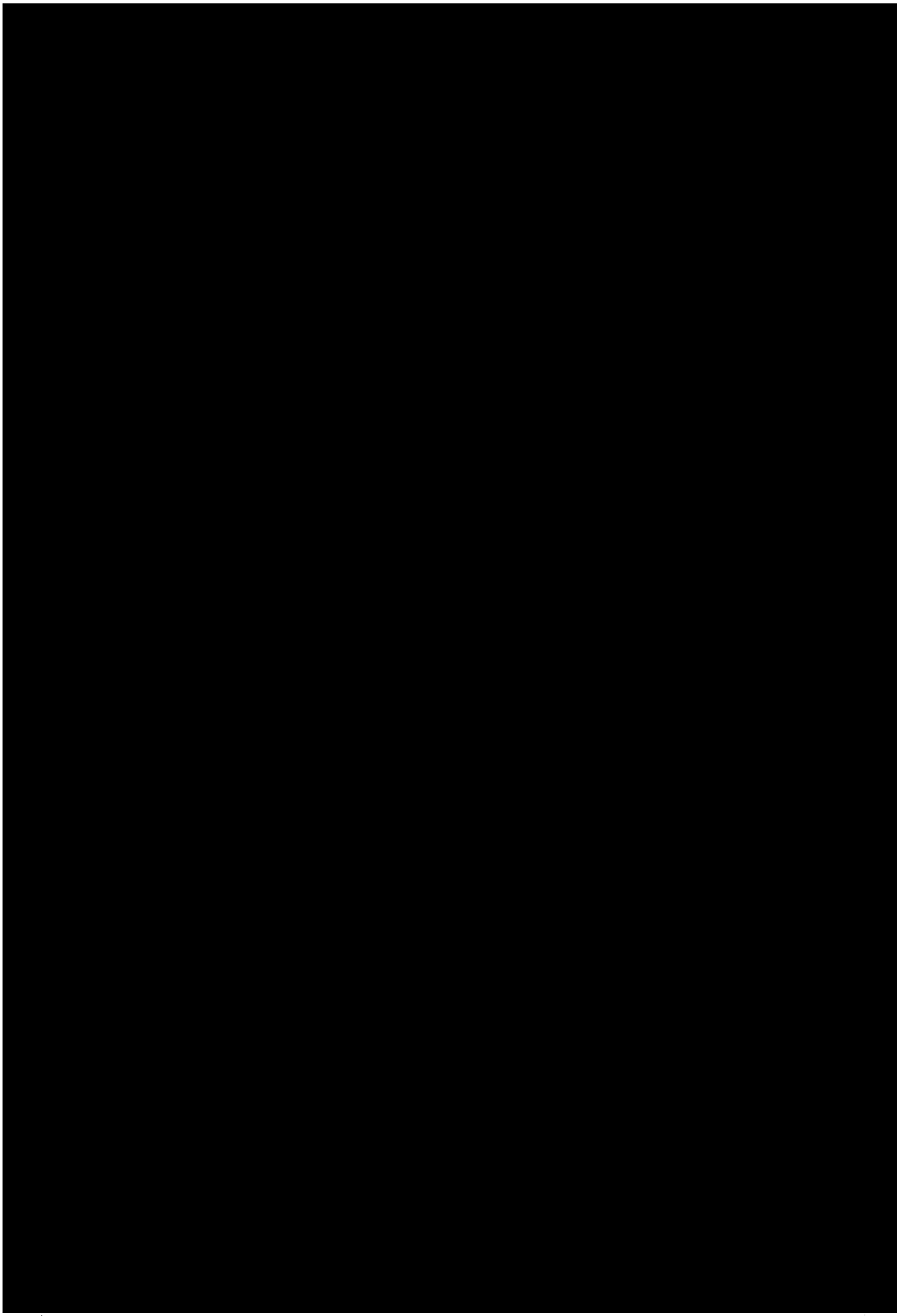

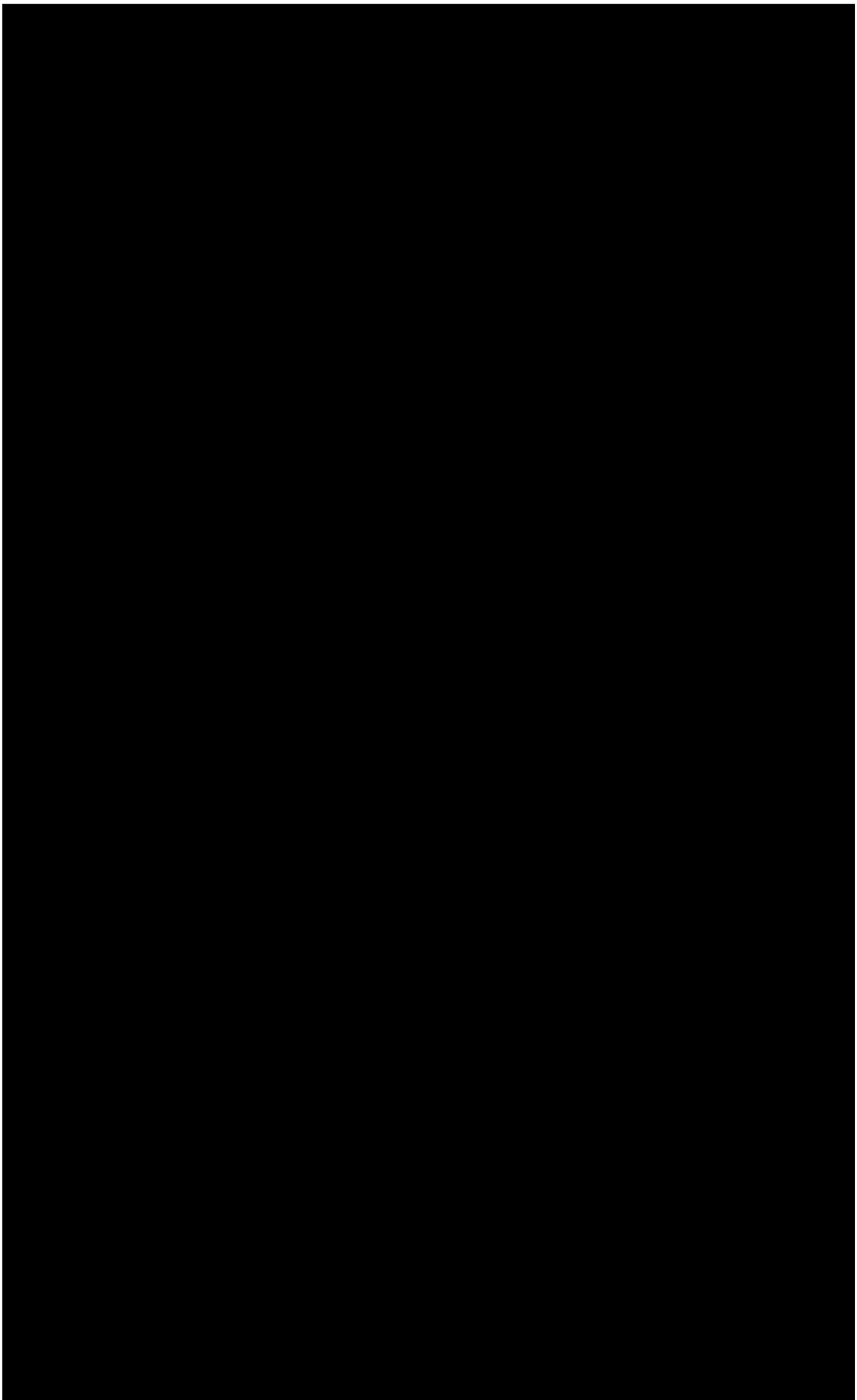

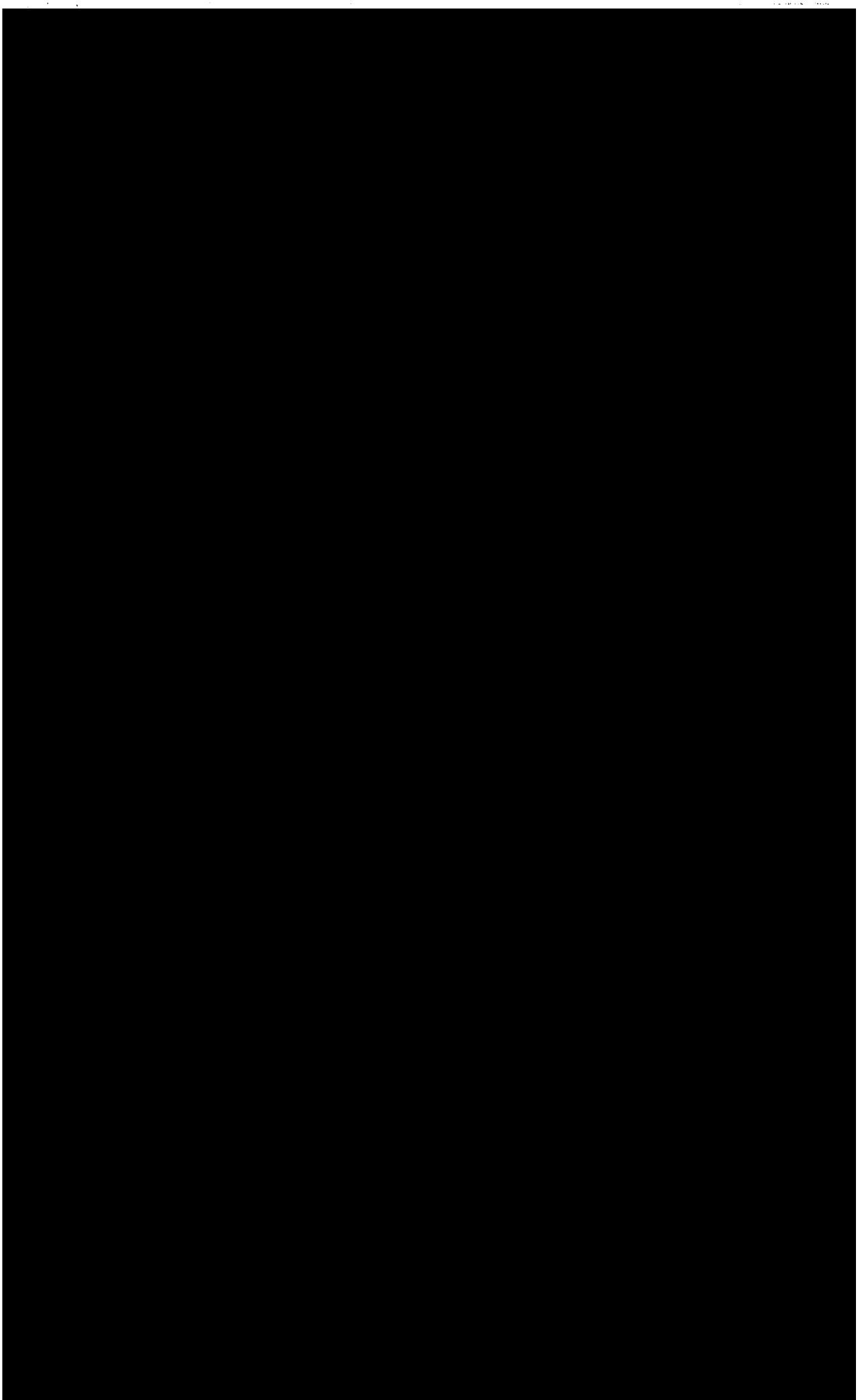

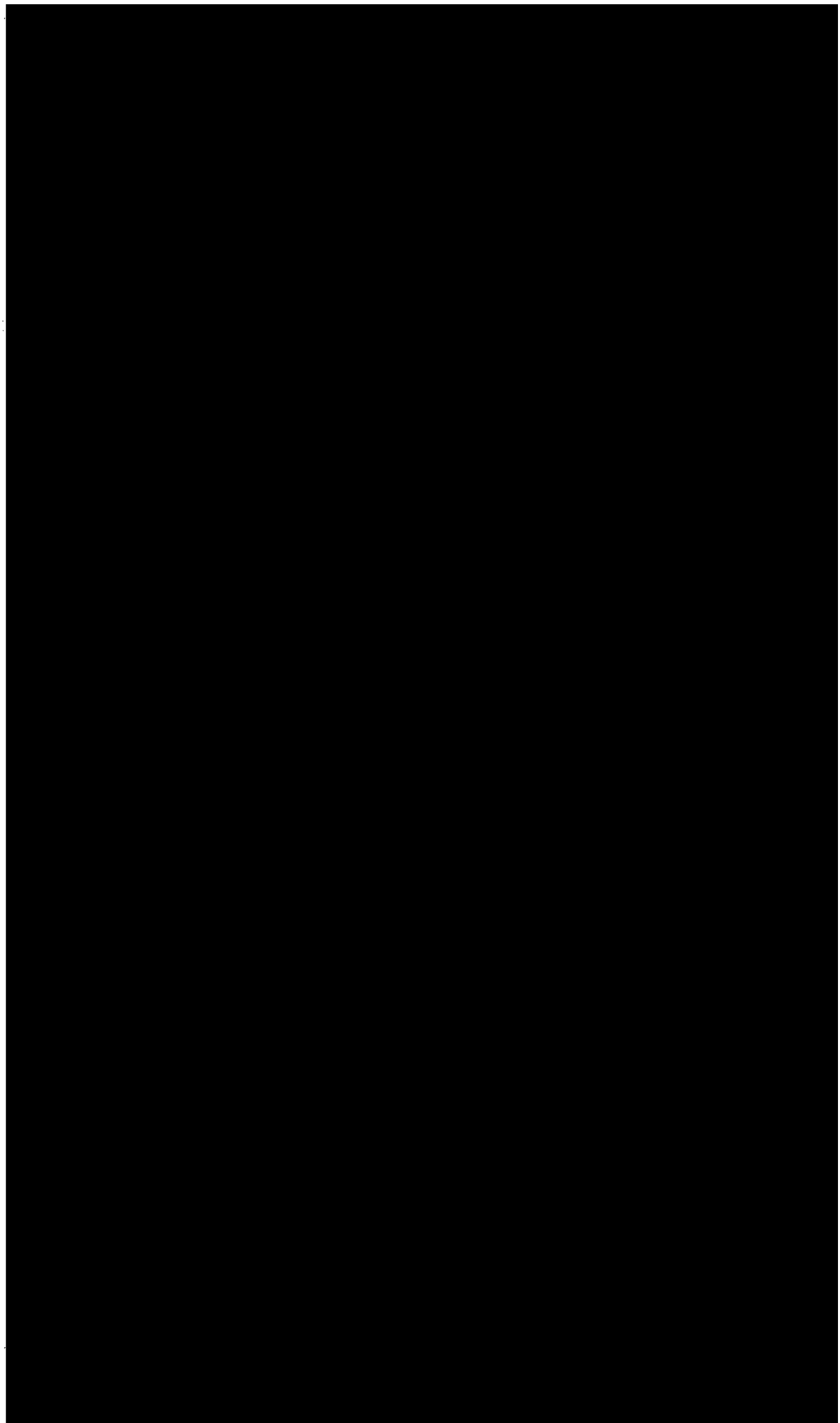

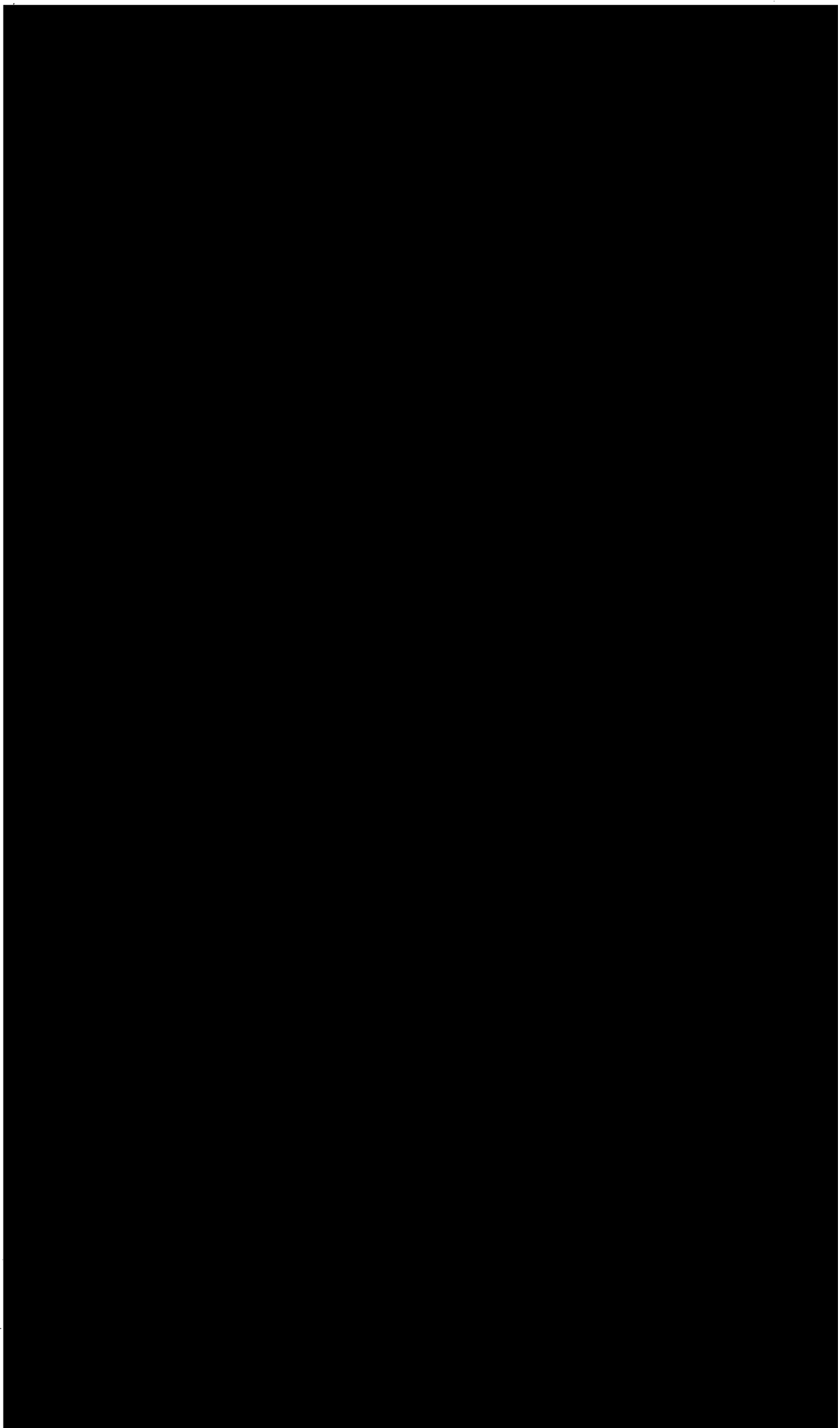

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An 11-day truce on Cyprus called by the Cypriot guerrilla organization EOKA has ended and terrorist operations have been resumed. London apparently intends to take no significant steps toward giving the island self-government until the EOKA organization is destroyed.

The British response to EOKA's truce call on 16 August, ordering EOKA members to surrender for trial or for deportation to Greece, was rejected by the nationalists. EOKA then threatened to resume its operations if the British did not reopen talks with exiled Archbishop Makarios by 27 August. Security forces are continuing their campaign against EOKA and have now placed under house arrest the mayor of Nicosia, leading lay nationalist, and acting ethnarch Bishop Anthimos of Kitium. Also, six convicted EOKA prisoners have been transferred to England following the escape of one prisoner serving a life sentence.

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Karamanlis told the American chargé in Athens on 28 August his government now faces the choice of accepting "the humiliations heaped upon Greece" or of "fighting back." Foreign Minister Averoff later said a majority of the cabinet favored adopting a "tougher" Cyprus policy or resigning. Averoff suspects London wants to overthrow Karamanlis and warns that a new government might lead Greece out of NATO "regardless of the consequences."

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